

PS BOOK CLUB NOTES FROM MARCH 30, 2023

The PS Book Club met Thursday, March 30 in the Library. Those present: Trish Bonness, Joyce Crawford, Kay Hunt, and Brenda Smith. Several other members participated via Zoom.

Brenda led the discussion of *The Flag, The Cross, and The Station Wagon* by Bill McKibben, prolific author and leading environmentalist, founder of several environmental organizations. The most recent of these is *Third Act*, whose mission is to promote political activism by Americans aged 60 and over. A past Guggenheim Fellowship awardee, he is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College in Vermont. In this book he discusses issues like structural racism, the decline in church membership and the shift in values toward what he calls “hyper-individualism”, which he says began about 1970. He is speaking to – and challenging – his own generation, “baby boomers” (the “original counter-culturalists”) to examine how their lifestyles have contributed to many of today’s current societal ills.

At our next meeting on Thursday, April 27, Brenda will again be our leader in discussing *Night of the Living Rez* by Morgan Talty. This a series of twelve linked short stories is narrated by a boy named David, who lives on the Penobscot Indian Nation reservation in Maine, where the author was raised. This 2022 critically acclaimed debut book has won a number of awards and was a Finalist for the 2023 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. Morgan Talty is a professor at the University of Maine, Orono. The book is this year’s selection for “Waldo Reads Together”, which is also happening in April.

Our current plan is to review *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus on May 25 and *A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penney on June 22. We do not plan to meet in July or August. For September 28, the selection is *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn.

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